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CITY OF BURLINGTON PARK BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012
2200 S. Pine Street, Burlington, WI 53105

Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt, Commissioners Clay Brandt, Ruth DeLay, Tom Follis, Kelly Kamlager, Peter Turke, Jon Schultz, Alderman Bob Prailes, DPW Supervisor Dan Jensen, P.E., Chase Robers, Student Representative

Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Clay Brandt, Jon Schultz, Alderman Bob Prailes, DPW Supervisor Dan Jensen, Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt and Student Representative Chase Robers.

Excused: Commissioners Ruth Delay and Peter Turke. **Absent:** Commissioner Tom Follis.

Approval of May 17, 2012 Minutes: Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for approval of the May 17, 2012 Minutes. Motion to approve made by Alderman Prailes. Seconded by Commissioner Brandt. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments: None

Aldermanic Report: Alderman Bob Prailes apologized for being absent for the past few months, as he coaches Soccer on the nights of the Park Board meetings.

Alderman Prailes also reported that he did not have Park Fund balances, but would have them for the July Park Board meeting.

Alderman Prailes reported the Kiwanis Club would be pouring a cement pad under the bleachers at the big soccer field at Bushnell Park on Saturday. This will provide additional sturdiness for the bleachers, in addition to increasing the appearance.

DPW Supervisor Report: Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor reported Echo Park has been completed with the exception of a few punch list items. He also reported that Aaron DeGrave, Park Foreman, would be removing four dead trees from Echo Park next week.

Mr. Jensen also reported that B-Town Sounds was a resounding hit. Many people attended, and the B-Town Sound representatives had everything cleaned up at nights end.

Mr. Jensen reported the Bushnell Soccer field renovation is well under way with the new water cannon getting the new seed through the drought weather.

Mr. Jensen reported on the status of the Rain Garden, which has been planted next to the pavilion at Echo Park. He explained a gutter was installed (pictures were provided) to provide a source of water other than City water from a hydrant.

Mr. Jensen asked the Park Boards' thoughts on what they would like to see regarding repairs to the railings along the Riverwalk. The railings and waves have become rusted and discolored, in addition to the cement cracking and peeling where floorshield had been previously put on and necessary repairs would have to be made soon. Mr. Jensen suggested removing the strips (waves) permanently, by cutting them off. He is currently seeking costs to paint the railings and cement.

The Park Board Members discussed various ways to seek repairs, and keep costs down. Mr. Jensen said he would report back to the Park Board once quotes have been obtained, and prior to making a recommendation to the Council. All were in agreement that the waves should be held onto for a year or two before discarding them.

Chase Robers suggested getting a price on leaving the waves, and having them painted the same color as the railings. Mr. Robers thought by having one color, the cost may be cheaper. Mr. Jensen agreed it was a possible solution, and would also get a price for one color, leaving the waves on.

New Business:

Utility costs for Parks: Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor presented a report showing all the electrical costs from January through May 2012 for all of the various sports complexes.

The Park Board discussed possibly having the various groups pay their share of the electrical costs, as costs continue to escalate. Mr. Jensen will compile a listing of each area, and the Park Board will discuss it at a later meeting. Alderman Bob Prailes stated he was sure the Kiwanis would be willing to donate to the costs at Bushnell being that they have the majority of electrical usage and use of the soccer fields.

The Park Board Members asked if Mr. Jensen would also get sewer and water charges for each of the Parks. Mr. Jensen replied he would have the charges at the next meeting.

All were in agreement that it would have to be in conjunction with the various sports clubs budget meetings for next year. They also thought it would be great if an account could be set up as a Lighting Maintenance Account to provide a way to save for future lighting replacement and maintenance costs.

Kiwanis' Soccer Season and Field Use/Presented by Bob Prailes: Alderman Bob Prailes asked to have this item put on July Park Board Agenda for discussion at the July meeting.

Old Business:

Lift Chair/Devore Park Pool: Chairman Eisenhardt had heard nothing additional regarding ordering/delivery of the lift chair. Chairman Eisenhardt stated the timeline for having the lifts installed has been extended from the original date of January 2012 to January 31, 2013.

Other Items: Chairman Eisenhardt thanked Student Representative Chase Robers for his service on the Park Board and wished him well in college.

There being no further items for discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion made by Alderman Prailes. Seconded by Commissioner Brandt. All voted aye, and Chairman Eisenhardt adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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